

# The Four things You Can Do to Stop the Spread of Zebra Mussels

& Other Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

Zebra mussels, and other AIS, pose a real threat to our pristine northern waterways. Please do your part and follow these **four simple steps**:

#### 1. CLEAN - DRAIN - DRY\* it takes 5 minutes!

- Remove all weeds and mud from your watercraft\*\*, engine and trailer
- Lower outboard engines and pull live well plugs to drain all water
- Wipe off your watercraft, engine, trailer, and items that have been in the water
- · Allow watercraft, anchor lines and wet equipment time to completely dry before the next launch



## 2. PULL YOUR PLUG

- Drain all water from your watercraft
- Transport your watercraft without the plug in– this is the law!

#### 3. DECONTAMINATE – IF NECESSARY

- When your watercraft has been in zebra mussel invaded waters or within a "Control Zone", have it decontaminated
- Decontamination is available at government decontamination stations free of charge.
- To learn more about control zones and hours of operation of decontamination stations visit:
  <a href="https://www.manitoba.ca/stopais/spread/watercraft\_inspection.html">https://www.manitoba.ca/stopais/spread/watercraft\_inspection.html</a> or check out our website below

## 4. TELL OTHERS – SPREAD THE WORD!

The spread can be stopped with your help

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use phone camera to scan code to learn more

<sup>\*</sup>Modified from Manitoba Government Information

<sup>\*\*</sup>a watercraft includes boats, canoes, kayaks, paddle boards and personal watercraft